



July 2, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of Authorizing Permissive Use of the “Next Generation” Broadcast Television Standard (Docket No. 16-142)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to notify you that on July 1, 2019, Lonna Thompson, Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, and General Counsel, of America’s Public Television Stations; and Talia Rosen, Assistant General Counsel and Senior Director of Standards & Practices, of the Public Broadcasting Service (collectively, “PTV”) met with Sarah Whitesell, Deputy Chief, Media Bureau; Martha Heller, Chief, Policy Division; and Evan Baranoff, Media Bureau.

PTV discussed its proposed exemption for noncommercial educational licensees from the simulcasting mandate in connection with deployment of the Next Generation broadcast television standard, as well as the alternative option of a presumptive waiver process.

Regards,

/s/ Lonna Thompson

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